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SUBJECT:#RETURN OF AMERICANS FROM VIETNAM

REFS: A) BANGKOK 22525; B) VIENTIANE 6029, 6026; C) UDORN 1371; D) GENEVA 8058; E) BANGKOK 22571 (ALL NOTAL)

1. WE ARE GLAD TO NOTE PER REF B THAT UNHCR FLIGHT WILL CONTINUE TO BANGKOK. IF NOT, WE THINK IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR RETURNEES TO TAKE COMMERCIAL FLIGHT FROM VIENTIANE TO BANGKOK IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED SAME DAY. EARLIER GENEVA MESSAGE (REF D) INDICATED UNHCR PLAN TO HAVE RETURNEES CHANGE TO COMMERCIAL FLIGHT LEAVING VIENTIANE AT 1530 ARRIVING BANGKOK AT 1700. IF THIS REMAINS A POSSIBILITY ASSUME VIENTIANE OR UNHCR REP ARE MAKING RESERVATIONS. VIENTIANE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TICKETS FOR THIS IF NEEDED.

2. WE APPRECIATE UDORN'S OFFER TO ASSIST WITH SURFACE TRANSPORT BUT PREFER FOR GROUP TO CONTINUE BY AIR IF POSSIBLE TO BANGKOK WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY MISSIONARY REPS AND OTHERS AND WHERE FACILITIES EXIST FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

3. ON BASIS DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSIONARY REPS AND WITH FAMILIES OF EXPECTED RETURNEES, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ALL US RETURNEES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO RETURN TO US AS SOON AS THEIR HEALTH PERMITS. CMA AND WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS PLAN TO LODGE THE MISSIONARIES (INCLUDING THE JOHNSONS) AT THE CMA HOSTEL FOR A DAY OR TWO AND THEN PLAN TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR RETURN. (MILLERS MAY STOP IN PHILIPPINES WHERE THEIR ORGANIZATION HAS MAJOR FACILITY.)

4. MISSION SHOULD PLAN TO ASSIST SCARBOROUGH, STRUHARIK, AND LEWIS (ASSUMING HE IS AMONG GROUP) TO ARRANGE EXPEDITIOUS RETURN TO US, WHERE THEIR FAMILIES ARE EAGER TO SEE THEM ASAP. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE SCARBOROUGH AND STRUHARIK IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD ARRANGE FOR THEIR FAMILIES TO COME HERE TO MEET THEM. ALTERNATIVELY THEY COULD FLY DIRECT TO THEIR HOMES, NEAREST MAJOR AIRPORTS BEING CLEVELAND FOR STRUHARIK AND HARRISBURG, PA. FOR SCARBOROUGH. ALL OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL WE HAVE PREFERENCE FOR THEIR COMING TO DULLES WHERE WE COULD ASSIST WITH PRESS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THEIR RECEPTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT WE WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR WISHES AND EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT, IN LIGHT OF THEIR HEALTH AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. IF THEY PREFER NOT TO COME TO WASHINGTON EN ROUTE HOME WE WOULD PLAN TO INVITE THEM HERE AT AN EARLY CONVENIENT DATE.

5. IF LEWIS IS AMONG RETURNEES, WE SUGGEST HE RETURN TO US WITH SCARBOROUGH AND STRUHARIK AS FAR AS SAN FRANCISCO,

WHERE HE WOULD BE MET FOR REUNION WITH HIS FAMILY  
TENATIVELY PLANNED FOR TRAVIS AFB.

6. FORD FOUNDATION IS CABLING ITS BANGKOK OFFICE HEADED  
BY EUGENE STAPLES (TEL. 525186 OR 529726) TO HELP ASSIST  
SCARBOROUGH. ELIZABETH LYONS AND JERRY SILVERMAN OF THAT  
OFFICE KNOW JAY PERSONALLY AND MAY BE HELPFUL POINTS OF  
CONTACT. FORD WILL FURNISH RETURN TICKET TO REPLACE ONE  
WHICH HAD BUT MAY HAVE LOST. STRUHARIK'S TICKET SHOULD BE  
ISSUED BY MISSION AND CHARGED TO AID/W.

7. HOME TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: STRUHARIK: 2L6 825 4172.  
SCARBOROUGH: 717 737 7443. LEWIS: 213 360 2073. PAUL'S  
WIFE AND CHILDREN ARE WITH HIS PARENTS IN OHIO. SUGGEST  
CALLS BE PLACED ASAP AFTER ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK.

8. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EMBOFF ACCOMPANY RETURNEES  
FROM BANGKOK TO US IF AMBASSADOR THINKS THIS WOULD BE  
HELPFUL OR IF RETURNEES DESIRE IT. SUCH TRAVEL IS AUTHORI-  
ZED AT AMBASSADOR'S DISCRETION.

9. DR. NATHAN BAILEY, PRESIDENT, CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY  
ALLIANCE, AND DR. LOUIS L. KING OF CMA ARE ARRIVING BANGKOK  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29, AT 1130 ON LUFTHANSA 660 TO HELP GREET  
CMA RETURNEES.

10. CONCUR WITH ADVICE PER REF E. KISSINGER

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